

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL, LEMON GROVE HOUSING AUTHORITY, LEMON  
GROVE SANITATION DISTRICT BOARD, LEMON GROVE ROADWAY LIGHTING DISTRICT  
BOARD, AND LEMON GROVE SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
October 21, 2014**

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**Call to Order**

Members present: Mary Sessom, George Gastil, Jerry Jones, and Racquel Vasquez.  
Members absent: Howard Cook.

City Staff present: Graham Mitchell, City Manager; Lt. Brock, Sheriff's Department; Carol Dick, Development Services Director; Susan Garcia, City Clerk; James P. Lough, City Attorney; Mike James, Public Works Director; Rick Sitta, Fire Chief; and Cathleen Till, Finance Director.

Mayor Sessom noted that Councilmember Cook has a family emergency and will not be able to attend tonight's meeting.

**Public Comment**

John L. Wood commented on a vehicle accident on Central Avenue, the City's Public Works Department, and the tree trimming project at the Toyota dealership.

**1. Consent Calendar**

**A. Approval of City Council Minutes**

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**B. Ratification of Payment Demands**

**C. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda**

**D. Claim Denial**

**Action: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Councilmember Gastil, to approve the Consent Calendar passed, by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Sessom, Gastil, Jones, Vasquez**

**Absent: Cook**

**2. Ordinance No. 424 – Massage Therapy Practice: Local Licensing**

James Lough explained that the Massage Therapy Reform Act, recently adopted by the State legislature and signed into law on September 19, 2014, establishes new regulations for massage therapy establishments. The Massage Therapy Reform Act replaces the original State massage law that established an industry nonprofit organization (the California Massage Therapy Council) to regulate massage therapists and establishments. Cities were also required to regulate establishments and therapists through local ordinance. Lemon Grove's regulations on massage establishments are currently regulated through Municipal Code Chapter 8.20, which was adopted upon the City's incorporation.

The adoption of the Massage Therapy Reform Act, which becomes effective on January 1, 2015, requires the City to modify its regulations on massage establishments. Staff has prepared Ordinance No. 424, which establishes revised regulations that will comply with State law.

Public Speaker(s)

There were no requests from the public to speak.

**Action: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Councilmember Vasquez, to introduce the ordinance and conduct the first reading by title only passed, by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Sessom, Gastil, Jones, Vasquez**

**Absent: Cook**

**Ordinance No. 424:** An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Amending Chapter 8.20 (Massage Establishments) of the Lemon Grove Municipal Code and Renaming Chapter 8.20 (Massage Therapy Practice: Local Licensing)

### **3. First Quarter Report for the Fiscal Year 2014-15 General Fund Budget**

Cathy Till reported that based on data currently available for analysis, staff conservatively believes that FY 2014-15 revenue will be roughly the same as the budget presented in June 2014. Staff believes that the FY 2014-15 budget reflected realistic revenue figures and that it is too early in the fiscal year to adjust individual revenue accounts either upward or downward. On the expenditure side, staff again feels that it is too soon to alter the original budget. The projected result is an overall General Fund surplus of \$146,600 for FY 2014-15.

The anticipated FY 2013-14 budget, adopted on June 3, 2014, reflected a combined General Reserve balance of \$2,997,100 as of June 30, 2014. Based on actual FY 2013-14 figures, this balance increased to \$3,462,000 at June 30, 2014, an increase of \$464,900. The FY 2014-15 mid-year budget will reflect the deferred maintenance projects at a cost of approximately \$260,000 approved by the City Council on September 2, 2014.

Public Speaker(s)

There were no requests from the public to speak.

### **4. Planning Commission Appointment Process**

Graham Mitchell reported that on October 1, 2014, the terms of three Planning Commissioners—Robert Bailey, Sean Cole and Jennifer Mendoza—expired. Staff seeks City Council direction on how to proceed in making appointments to the Planning Commission. In the past, the City Council has relied on three methods to make Planning Commission appointments.

*Option 1* – staff has spoken with the Planning Commissioners whose terms have expired and based on the conversations, two are interested in continuing to serve on the Planning Commission.

*Option 2* – the last full recruitment occurred in October 2013 in which six applications were received. Through that recruitment, two Planning Commissioners were appointed—Regina Caskey was appointed to begin service on October 1, 2013 and Susan Yepiz was appointed to begin service on April 1, 2014. Staff is confirming whether the remaining applicants continue to be interested in serving if appointed.

*Option 3* – a third option to consider is to initiate a full recruitment process. This process requires approximately two months to complete.

Mayor Sessom suggested the Council consider a fourth option that would be the elimination of the Planning Commission.

After discussion, the City Council directed staff to conduct further analysis in consideration of eliminating the Planning Commission.

Public Speaker(s)

There were no requests from the public to speak.

**City Council Oral Comments and Reports on Meetings Attended at the Expense of the City. (GC 53232.3 (d))**

Councilmember Vasquez walked to school with Lemon Grove children in participation with International Walk to School Day.

Councilmember Gastil walked to school with Lemon Grove children in participation with International Walk to School Day.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones walked to school with Lemon Grove children in participation with International Walk to School Day.

**City Manager and Department Director Reports**

Mike James reported on the City's upcoming Fall Clean-up Day and the Lemon Grove Live event at the Promenade.

Chief Sitta noted that the Lemon Grove Fire Department participated in the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Rady Children's Hospital fundraising event.

Lt. Brock provided an overview of the recent prescription drug take-back event.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Housing Authority, Sanitation District Board, Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District Board, and the Lemon Grove Successor Agency the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

*Susan Garcia*

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Susan Garcia, City Clerk